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"He is a Christian who is manfully struggling to live a Christian life."

H. W. Beecher.

SCHEDULE

1914		
December	16.	School of Commerce Half-yearly Examinations.
"	"	Territorial Department—Cinematograph Exhibition, 7 P.M.
"	17.	School of Commerce Half-yearly Examination.
"	"	Current Topic Club, 5-30 P.M.
"	"	Territorial Department—Hindu Customs Club, 7 P.M.
"	19.	Lecture on Hindu Temples and important places of pilgrimage in South India.—Territorial Department, 7 P.M.
"	20.	"P. S. E." Territorial Department, 8 P.M.
"	"	Men's Meeting. Auditorium, 4 P.M.
"	24.	Boys' Branch Excursion.
"	25.	Territorial Department, Sports, Tea and Concert.
"	27.	"P. S. E.," Territorial Department, 8 P.M.
"	"	Men's Meeting, Auditorium, 4 P.M.

STUDENT DEPARTMENT

Intercollegiate Debate.—The first of the debates between the Presidency, Christian and Pachiappas colleges was held in the Auditorium on December 1 at 5-30 P. M. Lots had previously been cast, resulting in the Christian College assuming the affirmative and Presidency the negative side of the question:—Resolved "That Compulsory Elementary Education would be of more value in the development of India than Higher Education." The debate was hotly contested and the speakers well supported by a large crowd of students. The judges were the Hon. Mr. Justice C. G. Spencer and the Revd. Canon Goldsmith who acted in the absence of Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopala Chariar. The decision was rendered in favour of the Presidency College. According to the arrangement, the winners debated the Pachiappas College on the same subject on Friday, December 4. The Hon. Mr. Justice F. B. Tyabji and Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopala Chariar were the judges. Again the decision was given in favour of the Presidency College and the cup was presented at the close of the debate.

THE GRADUATES' CLUB

The inaugural meeting of the new Club started by the Association for the benefit of the employed graduates of the city was held on the 1st of December. Those who were willing to join the Club were present along with their friends. After tea and conversazione, a business meeting was held in the well-furnished Club room. Mr. Worman explained the objectives and privileges of the Club and a Committee was appointed to draft rules for the Club. The conditions for membership in the Club are (1) a monthly fee of one rupee, (2) membership in the Association, ranging from Rs. 3 to Rs. 12 per annum according to monthly income. The privileges are fellowship, recreation, indoor games, and Billiards (with extra fee per games). The success of the Club has been assured; because, out of about thirty persons interviewed, all have endorsed the plan highly and twenty-five have given their names. The first fifty applicants who meet the requirements will be considered the charter members of the Graduates' Club. Later additions to membership will be by vote of Club Members. A splendid opportunity and a great privilege are open to those who care to avail themselves of them.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

School of Commerce. The classes will close on the 23rd instant and re-open on the 4th January 1915. As previously announced, fees for the second term will be collected in full and not in instalments. The annual selection examination will be held on the 15th of January and only those who are selected will be sent up for the Government Technical examination.

Students are requested to leave their names and address with the teachers before the classes close for the Christmas holidays.

BOYS' BRANCH

The competition in all the indoor games was quite keen during the last few days. There were forty-five entries for four different games by twenty-two boys. P. Venkatapathy, V. Sundaresiah, A. P. Rajagopal and S. Ethirajulu were winners in Ping-pong, Draughts, Crockinole, and Chess respectively.

The Arumai Pakkiam Medal for proficiency in all the activities was awarded to C. P. Vijiarangam and the sub-junior championship medal to Askar Ali. A medal was also awarded to J. Neelakantan, winner in one-mile race. He was the first among the thirteen who competed for it from the different schools in the city. The junior and sub-junior football trophies were both won this year by the Doveton College boys.

On the Anniversary day, the quarterly social was held at 4 P.M., when a large number of members and a few old members and friends were present. After spending half an hour in indoor games, the members repaired to the Boys' hall which was nicely decorated with flags and flowers and an enjoyable time was spent there.

At 5-30 P.M., the boys assembled in the Auditorium for the Anniversary Meeting. The opening prayer was offered by Mr. E. S. Dunhill. Then followed songs, recitations, comic speeches and dialogues, all of which were much appreciated. Mr. J. R. Isaac gave an instructive address with suitable illustrations on the early life of a boy and its bearing on his future greatness. Mrs. H. C. Herman, who presided, distributed the Cups, Medals and Prizes to the winners in the annual sports. The prizes consisted of suitable books for juvenile readers and useful articles. After a few words of advice from the chair the meeting terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENT

During the past fortnight the regular activities have assumed organized form and the men feel that they know what is to be expected. The attendance has been encouraging and it is hoped that this will be kept up. The lectures on Indian Life and Customs have proved to be interesting and the regular Club meeting once a week has been formed. Several men are using the dark room regularly. Books are taken from the library which has been made more useful by gifts from several of our friends. Additional books will be gratefully received. While many have made special subscriptions to this department, more will be required before sufficient funds are received.

Plans are being made which it is hoped will make Christmas day pass quickly and pleasantly for the men. Six-a-side football tournament in which more than fifty men will take part, a hockey match, contest on two tennis courts and a badminton court will be running simultaneously on the athletic field between 4 and 6 P.M. Immediately following this the ladies will serve tea at the Y. M. C. A. building followed by a concert. The remainder of the evening will be spent in indoor games, etc.

GENERAL

Socials.—The members of the Y.M.C.A. Lodge, Chintadripet, were "At Home" to their friends on the evening of the 4th instant. After games and tea, an interesting programme of music, recitations by Mr. Ambrose David and Miss Phillipz and a farce was gone through. The singing of the National Anthem brought the function to a close.

The members of the Y.M.C.A. Hostel had their monthly social on the 11th instant. Great credit is due to Messrs. Norhona and Raghavan for getting up a splendid programme for the evening. Mr. Madhi Ali's appearance as a typical Chettiar caused considerable amusement. Mr. John Varugis's narration of "Current Topics" was characterized throughout by sly humour. Mr. J. Kuriyan's reading was a brilliant satire on the party concerned. Mr. Norhona's highly instructive lecture on "Healthy and Physical Culture" received the applause which it richly deserved.

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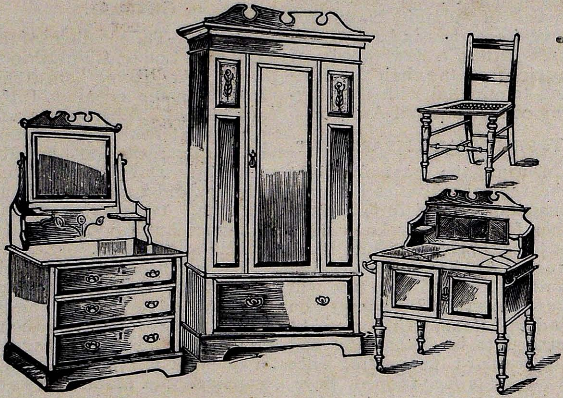

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